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SUBJECT: PRECURING OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR

REF: STATE 148385

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONCURRENCE OF LM PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR. TIMING OF PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION DEPENDS ON POLITICAL SITUATION AND STATUS OF USG IN MOZAMBIQUE. ANY UNDUE ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME MIGHT PROMPT QUESTIONS AND ACTIONS THAT WOULD ENDANGER POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE 12 KW SIZE OF THE GENERATOR TO BE INSTALLED IN THE PRESENT QUARTERS IS NOT COMPLETELY COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEW BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AS THE SIZE IS LIMITED BY THE ACCESS TO THE PRESENT CONGEN SPACE AND FLOOR LOAD CAPABILITIES. THE CONGEN IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BUILDING AND ACCESS IS BY A SMALL ELEVATOR, SMALL WINDOWS OR BY SKIDS UP THE STAIRWAY. ANY GENERATOR LOCATION OTHER THAN IN THE CONTROLLED AREA WOULD VIOLATE THE SECURITY INTEGRITY AND BE OF LITTLE VALUE TO THE CONGEN. WE HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF THE SUPPLIER THAT IF NECESSARY GENEROUS CREDIT WILL BE ALLOWED TOWARD A LARGER GENERATOR AT A LATER DATE.

3. CONGEN HAS NO REPEAT NO EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION CAPABILITY AT THE PRESENT TIME OTHER THAN BURNING IN TRASH CANS IN THE OFFICE SPACE OR IN TRASH BARRELS ON THE ROOF TOP. ACCESS TO THE ROOF TOP IS BY AN EXPOSED STACRWAY AND IS IMPRACTICAL IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. AS THE CONGEN IS IN AN OFFICE

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BUILDING WITH OTHER OCCUPANTS AND IS ATTACHED TO ANOTHER

MAJOR OFFICE BUILDING, ANY BURNING WOULD ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND COMPLICATE ANY EVACUATION SITUATION.

4. CONGEN DOES NOT HAVE YEAR END FUNDS AND WILL REQUIRE 5,000 DOLLARS ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FY 76 AS THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR FOR THE PRESENT LOCATION WAS NOT ANTICIPATED OR REQUESTED IN THE 76 BUDGET REQUEST.
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